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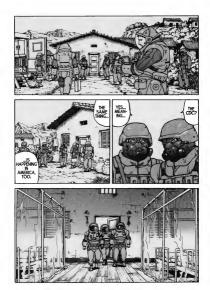


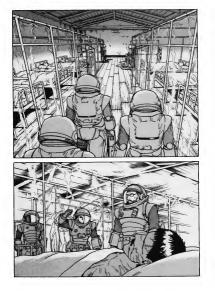
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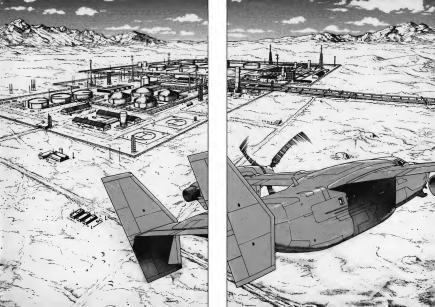


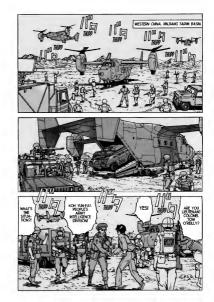












































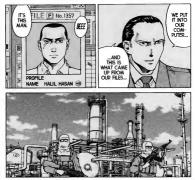






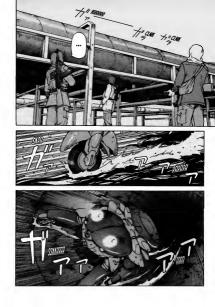


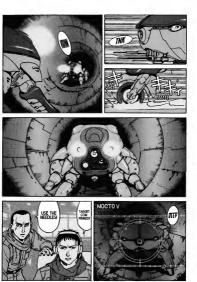




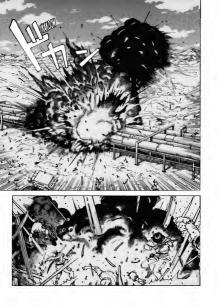


































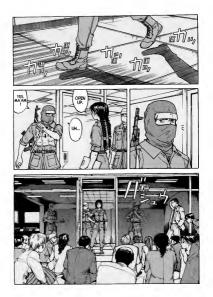




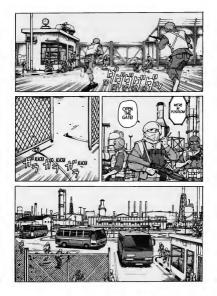


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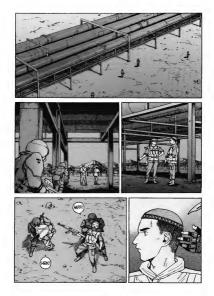




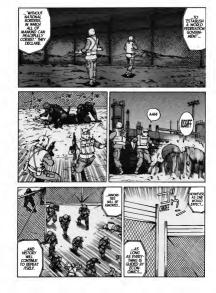


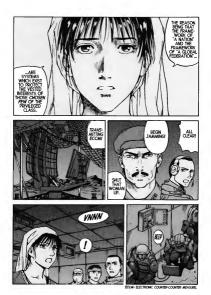










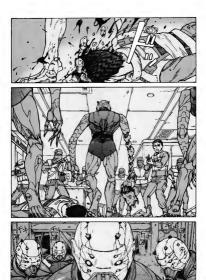




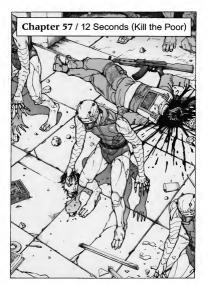




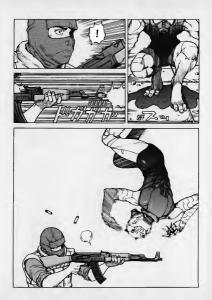




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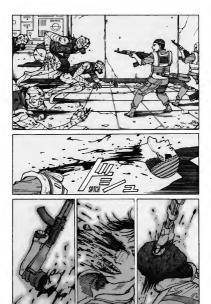




























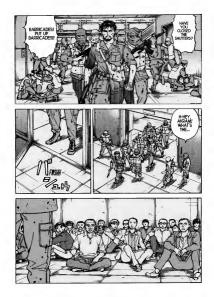




























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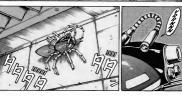


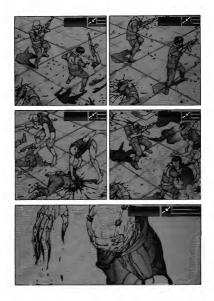


































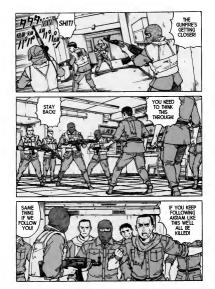




































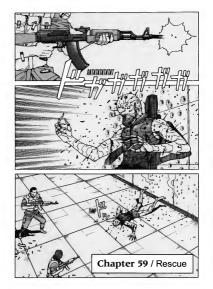




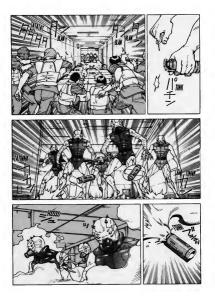


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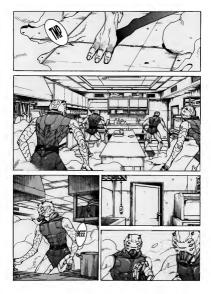




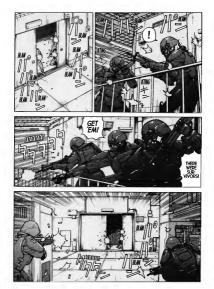




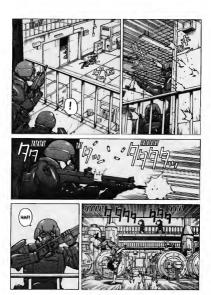


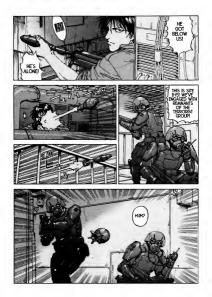


















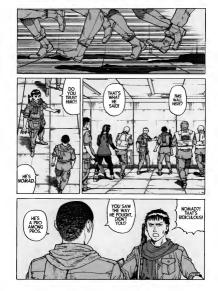


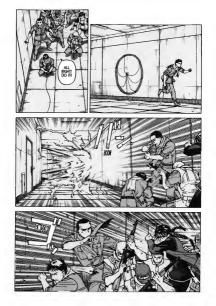


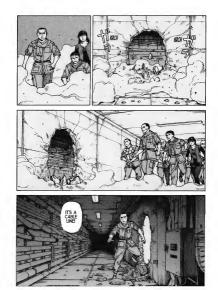
















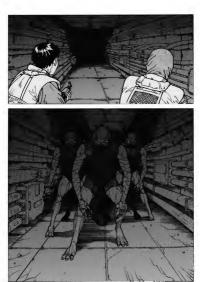












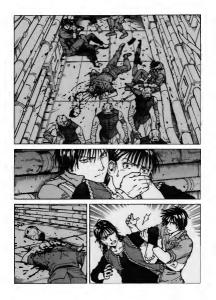
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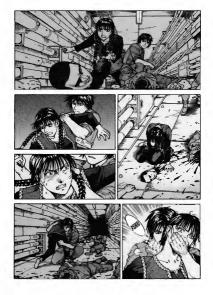




































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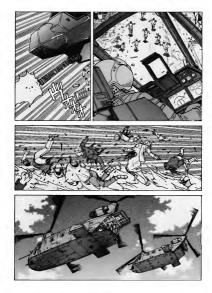






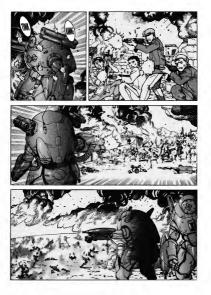
















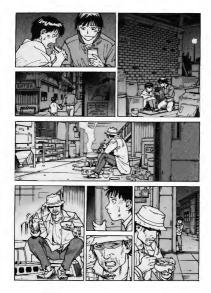


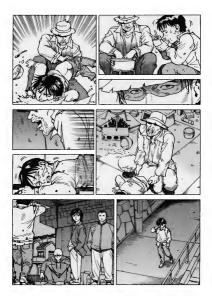


















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AFTERWORD

What were the nineties all about? The eighties have been relentlessly picked apart-and concluded to have been about "absolutely nothing." That decade is talked about as a vacuously bubbly era, but at the time I was fully in my teens . . . at school getting picked on by delinquents . . . at home writing the name of a girl I liked after my own and wishing I was dead . . . end on the path toward a glorious career, Incidentally, at the time, my favorite song was "How Soon Is Now?" by The Smiths, (It's the one that goes, "When you say it's gonna happen 'now' / well, when exactly do you mean?") What was I talking about again? Oh, yeah. The nineties. In 1990 I really used to love movies with guys in them who ended up in the slammer thanks to a bonehead lawyer and got a tattoo of a giant crucifix on their back with the words "Truth & Justice" in huge bold letters and did nothing all day but read law books and weight-train all day and swear they'd get revenge on that lawyer. Anyway, what I want to say is that the nineties were the "Moratorium Age." Although . . . maybe this has nothing to do with this afterword. By "moratorium." I mean a grace period in which you could shirk your responsibilities-saving stuff like "Someday the economy will get good again" while living off your leftover savings from the bubble economy and while working part time here and there or being "simply unemployed," It was that kind of era. Back when terms like "globalization" and "IT firm" were still words of hope. Perhaps the nineties were even more pointless than the eighties, but I think it was a good thing that at least the phrese "Shoot to the top" became real. In the eighties, this was a phrase that caused much embarrassment. (Note: because it seemed so easy to get rich quick in the 1980s. "shooting to the top" was associated with greed and being uncultured . . . hence embarrassing.) Now that the "Moratorious Nineties" are over and we're in

the 21st century, everyone's really up against the wall and in all kinds of trouble. Hip hop and martial erts are at the beight of popularity and it's an age of genuinely "shooting to the top" It's the age of Eikichi Yazawa. (Note: Fikichi Yazawa is a Japanese rock singer who literally "shot to the top" in popularity, experiencing a revival in the 1990s that's continued through to the 2000s with successful live tours.) When I think about how things were for me in the nineties, as you'd expect. I was typically moratorious like everyone else. However, during my moratorium I worked my way up through cooking assistant in an Italian restaurant, manga artist. Olympiccaliber masturbator, university student, and inari sushi chief at a bento restaurant. (Actual sequence of shooting to the top nonsensical.) Yes, it felt good working my way up and out of the moratorium . . . and now I have a family like everybody else. When I went home recently, my ten-month-old child-tired of breastfeeding-was tugging up and down on my wife's nipple like a switch. And without thinking. I yelled, "Stop playing with your food!" -Hiroki Endo June 25, 2003 (Translation by Kumer Severubramanan)

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